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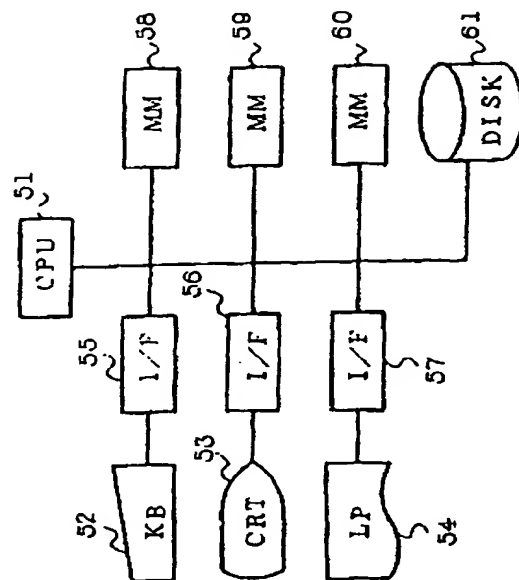
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TITLE : DOCUMENT FORMAT SETTING  
METHOD



**ABSTRACT :** **PURPOSE:** To prepare a new document and to convert the format of an already prepared document by detecting the control data of line formats and character attributes, extracting format information and registering it into a file.

**CONSTITUTION:** The document format information setting system is equipped with a CPU 51, a keyboard 52, a CPU 53, a printer 54, I/Fs 55-57, memories 58-60 and an external memory 61. The CPU 51 extracts a logical structure and the document format information incident to the logical structure from the already prepared document, sets them into the format definition file of the external memory 61 and further, sets automatically the logical structure and the format information in the format definition file into another document. The CPU 51 extracts the logical structure of the document which is the object of format setting the further, designates the logical structure and the format information of the document by data inputted from the keyboard 52.

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